The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The proposal has been deferred for the present."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that so many patients are forced to lie on the floor of the hospital, will the Government be pleased to take up this matter and construct the additional blocks? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the construction of the two blocks is again under the consideration of Government."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that even for the existing building sufficient staff has not yet been sanctioned and the hospital buildings are not being fully utilized for want of adequate staff? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, employment of more staff is being sanctioned from time to time in various hospitals."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, we know the reason why the answer to this question was deferred, but may we also know the reason why the proposal was deferred? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" For reasons of finance, Sir."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Number of schools and colleges in South Arcot district.

1 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many schools are functioning in the South Arcot district;

(*b*) how many of them are run by the Government, District Board, Harijan Welfare department, municipalities and others;

(*c*) how many of them are colleges, high schools, elementary schools and training schools;

(*d*) whether midday meals are served in all the elementary schools; and

(*e*) whether the Government grant any subsidy to the district boards for the supply of midday meals to the Harijan and the backward class students?

A.—(*a*) 1931.

(*b*) & (*c*) A statement[a] is appended.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 100 infra.

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Duties of agricultural demonstrators and maistries.

2 *Q*.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the duties of the agricultural demonstrators and maistries; and

(*b*) whether it is part of their duty to consult the ryots in matters pertaining to the cultivation of the lands and offer necessary advice to the agriculturists in the matter of improvement of cultivation?

A.—(*a*) *Duties of the agricultural demonstrator*.—He is in charge of the departmental activities within his jurisdiction. He should guide and check the work of the demonstration maistries and fieldmen working under him. He is responsible for the proper working of his office and correct disposal of the stocks in the depot attached to him. He should check the actual work done in the fields, meet the ryots and ascertain their needs. He should keep in touch and tour whenever possible with the Tahsildar and officers of other Nation Building departments.

Duties of demonstration maistries.—The demonstration maistry should—

(i) arrange for the supply of the requirements of ryots, such as seed (food, fodder, green manure crops and vegetables), fungicides, insecticides, implements and their spare parts, grafts, suckers, or seedlings of fruit trees, etc.;

(ii) advise the ryots regarding scientific methods of cultivation such as optimum seed rate to be used, kind and dose of manure to be applied, proper spacing to be adopted, correct method of raising nurseries, etc.;

(iii) demonstrate the use of labour-saving implements, e.g., puddlers, tramplers, ploughs, ridgers, construction of improved type of jaggery making furnace, correct method of jaggery making and remedial measures to be adopted against insect pests and fungus diseases;

(iv) plant green leaf yielding trees in vacant sites, field bunds, etc.;

(v) supervise planting, roguing, harvesting and threshing of seed farm plots; and

(vi) obtain seed farm indenture forms and loan application forms with particulars filled in.

(*b*) Yes.

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Imposition of penalty on Harijans for cultivating poramboke waste lands.

3 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state in how many cases penalties were imposed on landless Harijans who were cultivating the poramboke waste lands districtwar in 1953–54?

A.—The information is not readily available with the Government.

Provision of appointments to graduates and diploma holders.

4 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of appointments provided by the State Government during the year 1953–54 for the graduates in Arts, in Medicine, in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and persons holding diplomas of Government technical institutes, etc., registered at the Employment Exchange?

A.—The number of appointments provided by the State Government during the year 1953–54 (1st October 1953 to 30th September 1954) for those registered in Employment Exchanges is—

(a)	Graduates in Arts	..	422
(b)	Do. Civil Engineering	..	5
(c)	Do. Electrical Engineering	..	Nil.
(d)	Do. Mechanical Engineering	..	1
(e)	Do. Medicine	..	Nil.
(f)	Persons holding diplomas of Government Technical Institutes, etc.	..	64

Maintenance of juveniles.

5 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of juveniles rounded up on the streets and railway stations in the City of Madras from 1st January 1954 to 30th June 1954;

(b) how many juveniles were sent to the Delinquent Children Reception Home at Egmore;

(c) how many were prosecuted before the Juvenile Court; and

(d) the average annual cost of maintaining the Delinquent Children Reception Home and the Juvenile Court at Madras?

A.—(a) 122.

(b) 81.

(c) 109.

(d) (i) Average cost of maintenance of a pupil in the Reception Homes, Madras. — Rs. 432 per annum.

(ii) Average annual expenditure on the Juvenile Court, Madras. — Rs. 4,300 per annum.

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Grant of loans by the Government of India for irrigation projects.

6 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the assistance given for the various specific irrigation schemes in this State by the Central Government?

A.—(1) The loans given by the Government of India for financing specific irrigation projects are as under :—

Year.	*Irrigation project for which the loan was given.*	*Amount.*	*Remarks.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		RS. LAKHS.	
1951–52	Tungabhadra Lower Bhavani	600	Loans given to the Composite State of Madras. Their allocation with reference to the provisions of the Andhra State Act, 1953, has not yet been decided.
1952–53	Tungabhadra Lower Bhavani Malampuzha	734	
1953–54 (First six months).	Tungabhadra Lower Bhavani Malampuzha	175	
1953–54 (Second six months).	Lower Bhavani Malampuzha Manimuthar Araniar Walayar Mangalam	92	Loans given to the present State of Madras.
	Vaigai Amaravathi Mettur canals	23	

(2) In addition to the above, the Government of India have given loans for the Special Minor Irrigation Programme undertaken in this State as part of the Grow More Food Schemes and Community Development Projects.

The figures are—

			Remarks.
		RS. LAKHS.	
1952–53	Special Minor Irrigation Schemes included in the Grow More Food Scheme.	25	Loans given to the Composite State of Madras.
	For being re-lent to agriculturists in the Periyar Community Project Area for deepening or digging of irrigation wells.	3	
1953–54 (Second six months).	Special Minor Irrigation Schemes included in the Grow More Food Scheme.	20	Loans given to the present State of Madras.

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Mobile courts in the City.

7 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have in consultation with the High Court started mobile courts for the expeditious trial of cases relating to town nuisances, etc.;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of the mobile courts; and

(*c*) the number of staff in each mobile court?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 1,800 towards the pay and allowances of three lower division clerks for a period of six months and Rs. 100 towards the purchase of three cash boxes.

(*c*) The number of staff in each mobile court is as below :—

(1) One Honorary Presidency Magistrate.

(2) One lower division clerk.

(3) One head constable and two constables from the existing strength.

8 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether social workers are allowed to plead for the accused in the absence of advocates before the mobile courts; and

(*b*) how many cases like nuisance, obstruction to road and pavements by free vegetable vendors, betting and gambling, causing disturbances and more than one person riding on cycles, bathing at public taps and trespasses were handled by the mobile court in the City up to 30th September 1954?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) 3,728 cases were filed and 3,317 cases were disposed of by the mobile courts at Egmore, Georgetown and Saidapet for the period from 10th to 30th September 1954.

Public debt position of Madras State.

9 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of public debt for which the Government are liable as on 1st April 1954; and

(*b*) the details thereof?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given on the 19th May 1954 to a similar question No. 956 put by Sri N. Gopala Menon, M.L.A.

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Murder cases in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

10 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many murder cases were registered in the Police station in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, from 1952 up to date; and

(*b*) how many were detected and how many were undetected?

A.—(*a*) Fifteen cases (up to 14th October 1954).

(*b*) Detected—12 cases.

Undetected—2 cases.

Referred as natural death—1 case.

Fixation of fair rent under the Malabar Tenancy Act.

11 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of applications received talukwar in Malabar up to now for fixing fair rent under the Malabar Tenancy Act, as amended recently?

A.—The number of applications received up to 30th September 1954 in each taluk of the Malabar district for fixation of fair rent under the Malabar Tenancy Act is given below :—

Name of taluk. (1)	Total number of applications received up to 30th September 1954. (2)
1 Kottayam	1,111
2 Chirakkal	7,827
3 Ponnani	1,518
4 Ernad	257
5 Kurumbranad	3,806
6 Kozhikode	674
7 Walluvanad	541
8 Palghat	320
9 Wyna d	117
10 Fort Cochin	Nil.
Total	16,171

Number of workmen in the Hydro-Electric Department Workshop.

12 Q.—Dr. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many workmen there are now in the Hydro-Electric Department Workshop;

(b) how many are on the casual list and how many are made permanent; and

(c) the rate of wages paid to a casual labourer?

A.—(a) Seven hundred and forty-five.

(b) One hundred and fifty-eight workers are permanent and the remaining 587 workers are temporary, 574 of the latter are daily-paid workers.

(c) Mettur Hydro-Electric Workshop daily-paid workers—

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Unskilled	0	12	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Semi-skilled	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0
	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	8	0
Skilled	1	8	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	0
Special class	2	8	0	0	2	0	3	8	0
	3	8	0	0	2	0	4	8	0

Papanasam Workshop daily-paid workers—Ranging from Re. 0-14-0 to Rs. 1-12-0 according to their trade.

Daily-paid workers in Boiler and Turbine Workshop, Basin Bridge and Distribution Branch Workshop in the Madras Electricity System.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Unskilled	0	12	0	0	1	0	1	4	0
Semi-skilled	1	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Skilled	1	12	0	0	3	0	3	10	0
Highly skilled	3	4	0	0	4	0	6	0	0

Wynaad Colonization Scheme.

13 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the terms, conditions and priorities regarding the assignment of poramboke lands and lands included in the Wynaad Colonization Scheme in Malabar?

A.—The latest orders and procedure regarding the present policy of the Government on the assignment of valuable and non-valuable lands are laid down in G.O. No. 336, Revenue, dated 15th February 1954, and G.O. No. 296, Revenue, dated 10th February 1954, copies of which have been placed on the table of the Assembly on 12th August 1954 with reference to Legislative Assembly Question No. 2179 (1295) (Starred) by Sri K. R. Viswanathan, M.L.A.

As regards lands included in the Wynaad Colonization Scheme in Malabar, assignment is made in accordance with the rules laid down in G.O. Ms. No. 5272, Development, dated 25th October 1948, a copy [a] of which is placed below.

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 101–104 infra.

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Serving of eviction notices on the occupants of buffer areas in Muliyar village, South Kanara district.

14 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many cases eviction notices have been served by the Government on the occupants of buffer areas in Muliyar village of Kasaragode taluk, South Kanara district;

(*b*) the extent of land involved in each case;

(*c*) how long the lands have been in their possession;

(*d*) the nature of improvements made by them; and

(*e*) the extent of Government Reserve Forest and patta land in the village?

A.—(*a*) Two cases.

(*b*) 5·18 acres and 0·64 acre respectively.

(*c*) Six years and three years respectively.

(*d*) It is reported that in one case, the encroacher has constructed a thatched house and planted pepper vines while in the other case, the encroacher has formed a paddy flat.

(*e*) The areas of Government Reserved Forest and patta lands in the village are 2,116 acres and 3,386·20 acres respectively.

Grant of gun licences in South Kanara.

15 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications for gun licences were received from South Kanara, talukwar in 1952–53; and

(*b*) how many were granted?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] showing the particulars of the number of applications for gun licences received and the number of licences granted, is appended.

Repairs to minor irrigation tanks in South Kanara district.

16 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many minor irrigation tanks were either repaired or restored during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54 in South Kanara district;

(*b*) the amount spent on each of them;

(*c*) in how many cases, the preparation of plans and estimates are pending; and

(*d*) whether any amount has lapsed for want of sanction or preparation of plans and estimates?

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 105 infra.

A.—

	1952–53.	1953–54.
(*a*) Under Tank Improvement Schemes.	72	49
Under Special Minor Irrigation Programme.	..	11
	RS.	RS.
(*b*) Under Tank Improvement Schemes.	1,40,821	1,16,647
Under Special Minor Irrigation Programme.	..	18,623

(*c*) There are no cases where preparations of plans and estimates are pending.

(*d*) No amount lapsed for want of sanction or preparation of plans and estimates.

Number of applications for the assignment of lands in the State.

17 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received in 1954 by the Tahsildars and Collectors for assignment of lands in the State;

(*b*) the number of applications complied with; and

(*c*) the extent of land assigned with particulars?

A.—The time and labour involved in gathering the information will not be commensurate with the benefit derived thereby.

Coconut nurseries in the State.

18 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many coconut nurseries are now functioning in the Madras State;

(*b*) from when and at what places;

(*c*) the targets prescribed for each of these centres yearwar and how much has so far been achieved;

(*d*) whether the Indian Central Coconut Committee has any connexion or control over these nursery schemes, and if so, to what extent;

(*e*) whether there is any proposal to close down any of these nurseries;

(*f*) if so, at what centres and why;

(*g*) whether the Indian Central Coconut Committee's concurrence and opinion have been taken in arriving at this decision; and

(*h*) if not, why not?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Four coconut nurseries are at present functioning in this State in the following places :—

(i) Nileshwar (South Kanara district) from 1st October 1944.

(ii) Badagara (North Malabar district) from 1st April 1954.

(iii) Pattambi (South Malabar district) from 1st September 1947.

(iv) Pattukkottai (Tanjore district) from 1st January 1946.

(*c*) The targets prescribed for each nursery and that actually achieved during the last four planting seasons are as follows :—

Nursery centre.	*Target fixed in the scheme for each year (seedlings).*	*Actual achievement (seedlings).*			
		1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Nileshwar ..	48,000	30,127	42,752	44,872	47,965
Pattambi ..	48,000	45,203	40,589	44,581	41,904
Pattukkottai	19,200	15,938	17,922	17,240	19,530
Coimbatore ..	6,400	6,805	6,302	6,208	6,040
Tindivanam	6,400	5,818	5,365	5,990	6,153

(*d*) All these nurseries were receiving financial assistance from the Indian Central Coconut Committee till 31st March 1954 and all of them except the nursery at Pattambi are continuing to receive such assistance even after that date. The Pattambi nursery alone is being run entirely at the cost of the State Government from 1st April 1954. The Coconut Committee reviews the progress of work at the nurseries run with its financial assistance on the basis of reports sent every year by the State Government.

(*e*) There is no such proposal.

(*f*) Does not arise.

(*g*) Does not arise.

(*h*) Does not arise.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* REFUSAL OF PERMITS FOR CUTTING OF OLD TREES IN PRIVATE FORESTS IN MALABAR DISTRICT.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of a motion to adjourn the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely :—

'That this House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the action of the Collector of Malabar in refusing to give permits for discriminate cutting of old trees in the private forests of Malabar and thus paralysing the important timber industry of Malabar resulting in the unemployment of about a lakh of workers engaged in the industry and the closure of many timber mills and depots throughout Malabar and the failure of the Government to intervene in the matter urgently.'